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1. (C) Summary: Following President Basescu,s October 25 visit to Victoria Palace, Basescu and Prime Minister Tariceanu hammered out an agree
2. (C) President Basescu paid an unusual visit to Prime Minister Tariceanu on the morning of October 25, ending two major disputes between the
Anastasiu Throws in the Towel

13. (C) Suspended Minister of Defense Teodor Atanasiu announced his resignation in a press conference after a weekly government meeting, declar
14. (C) President Basescu had earlier announced on October 24 his refusal to revoke Atanasiu,s suspension, indicating he would instead approve
European Commissioner Also Named

15. (C) According to some PNL members, Tariceanu finally agreed to trade the Ministry of Defense portfolio to the Democratic Party in exchange
16. (C) At the beginning of the weekly government meeting, PM Tariceanu announced that PNL Senator and party spokesperson Varujan Vosganian was
17. (C) Bio Note on Incoming European Commissioner Vosganian:

Varujan Vosganian was nominated by PM Calin Popescu-Tariceanu to be the Romanian member of the European Commission on October 25. Vosganian is
Vosganian has been an important parliamentary player in the current legislative period in pushing forward the DA Alliance (PNL/PD) agenda on ec
First as a Deputy and now Senator Vosganian has been consistently a professional, technical and competent MP on economic issues in the Romanian
Vosganian was elected in November 2004 in the Romanian Senate, representing the PNL in Iasi county. He chaired the Budget, Finance and Banking
Vosganian has a degree in economics (1982) and mathematics (1991). He holds a PhD in economics since 1998 and wrote books and articles on Roman
Vosganian has a bright analytical mind and is fluent in English and French. He also has a macro-economic vision that is very free-market orient
His wife, also of Armenian descent, is a fine composer of contemporary, modern symphonic music. His parents fled from Turkey during the early t
18. (SBU) Bio Note on incoming Minister of Defense Frunzaverde:

Sorin Frunzaverde, aged 46, is a former Defense Minister and prominent figure in the Democratic Party (PD). He has been president of the county
An engineer by education, he holds a doctorate in economics and is a PhD candidate in military sciences. Between 1996 and 2000, under the cente
Frunzaverde authored a book on European security and integration; he speaks English and German. He is married and has one child.

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